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1. WHEN SUBSTANCE REFTEL PASSED ACYPL, SPENCER OLIVER NOTED THAT SEVERAL SOVIET DELEGATES ARE OLDER THAN 40, THE MAXIMUM AGE LIMIT AGREED UPON BETWEEN ACYPL AND CYO. ACYPL HAS SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED THIS AGREEMENT IN PAST.

2. OLIVER PLANS TO INFORM SOVIETS OF HIS OBJECTIONS, EITHER THROUGH SOV EMBASSY HERE OR IN TELEGRAM TO CYO. DEPT WILL DELAY VISA ISSUANCE UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED.

3. OLIVER ALSO UNHAPPY WITH NOMINATION OF BOLSHOI SINGER AND MAY RAISE THIS WITH SOVIETS. IF SUBJECT IS RAISED IN EMBASSY CONTACTS WITH CYO, SUGGEST EMBASSY SUPPORT OLIVER POSITION ON AGE LIMIT, BUT AVOID CRITICISM OF SPECIFIC SOVIET NOMINEES, SINCE THIS IS MATTER FOR ACYPL AND CYO TO DECIDE. KISSINGER

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